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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with a request for RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c), this submission constitutes new arguments and evidence in support of patentability. Kindly enter the following amendment:

In the claims

Amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 14 to read as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising from amino acid 1 to amino acid 115 of SEQ ID NO:4;

(b) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising from amino acid 2 to amino acid 115 of SEQ ID NO:4;